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In re Applicant : Beatrice GAUGLER et al.
Serial No. : 09/579,543
Filed : May 26, 2000
For : ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES CODING FOR
TUMOR REJECTION ANTIGEN PRECURSOR MAGE-4
AND 41 AND USES THEREOF
Art Unit : 1642
Examiner : Alana Harris

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I, isolated nucleic acid molecules which encode MAGE-4, represented by SEQ ID NOS: 13 and 15.

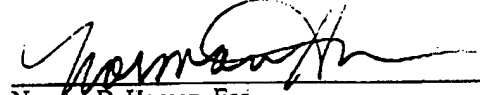
The election is made with traverse. Group II should be included because the MAGE-41 protein encoded by SEQ ID NO: 14 is identical to that encoded by MAGE-4. This is the sole basis for the restriction therebetween, and it is not based on the facts.

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In view of this, reconsideration of the restriction, and grouping of Groups I and II as one is believed proper and is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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